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GLORIA MOLINA TO ANNOUNCE CANYON INN PROPERTY ACQUISITION AT TOP OF 'EMERALD NECKLACE' IN AZUSA

Pristine Riverfront Parcel Used in 2005 Film 'Hostage' Starring Bruce Willis

WHO: Gloria Molina, Los Angeles County Supervisor, First District
Joseph Rocha, Mayor, City of Azusa
Dan Arrighi, Chair, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Reed Holderman, Western Director, Trust for Public Land
Don Barry, Watermaster (a water conveying organization)

WHAT: Canyon Inn/Cool Springs Property Land Acquisition Celebration

WHEN: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Azusa River Wilderness Park
Canyon Inn/Cool Springs Property
2330 North San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa, California 91702-1401

DIRECTIONS: From City Hall take the 10 Freeway east to the 605 Freeway north. Then take the 210 Freeway east. Exit on Azusa Avenue, turn left, and go north for four miles. Pass Foothill Boulevard, Sierra Madre Avenue, the U.S. Forest Station entry, and the bridge. Continue to Rainbow Ranch and turn right. Go to the bottom of the hill and turn right. A ranger will direct you to the parking area within the Rainbow Ranch Equestrian Center. Light refreshments will be served.

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina will join environmentalists and open space advocates to celebrate the acquisition of the 26-acre Canyon Inn/Cool Springs Property. This pristine parcel is nestled within the Azusa River Wilderness Park (also known as "El Encanto") and is situated directly adjacent to the Azusa River. It rests at the northernmost point of the "Emerald Necklace," the network of rivers, trails, and green space which graces the San Gabriel Valley. Once used in scenes from the 2005 film "Hostage" starring Bruce Willis, the Canyon Inn/Cool Springs Property acquisition brings the total Azusa River Wilderness Park size to 75.7 acres. It is a significant, \$3,472,225 million environmental milestone made possible via bond funds from two separate state agencies—the Resources Agency's River Parkway program (\$1,972,225) and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (\$1,500,000)—that ultimately will function as both a unique outdoor learning tool for local youth as well as a place of rest and relaxation for area hikers and cyclists.

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